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Public hearing to be held on courthouse issue

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The citizens of Coffee County will once again be given an opportunity to discuss - not debate - the "courthouse issue."

Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel called a news conference on Friday to announce that a public hearing on the matter will be held Monday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The hearing will be held in the Farm Center located in New Brockton and the county's citizens will be allowed to express their views on the courthouses, and what they want to see happen.

In July 1994, a federal lawsuit was filed by a New Brockton citizen stating that the Enterprise Courthouse was not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As a result of that lawsuit, the Coffee County Commission has entered into a consent decree issued by the court.

The decree, which commissioners Robert Stephens and Wendell Black did not sign, states that the commission will either renovate or build a new building which will meet the standards set forth in the ADA.

According to the consent decree, the commissioners must submit a preliminary plan of action to the



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court by January 15, 1996, followed by a final plan on July 15, 1996. Creel said, "Even though the Enterprise Courthouse is the only court issue, we will obviously have to consider both courthouses - Elba and Enterprise."

Eluding to a recent editorial which appeared in *The Enterprise* concerning the courthouse is-

sue, Creel commented, "The courthouse issue is not only a controver-

sial issue, but an emotional issue in Coffee County, and has been for many years.

"With that in mind and the limited authority that the county commissioners in Alabama have relating to courthouses is why we are asking the public for comments at a public hearing."

At the last commission meeting, Commissioner Stephens noted that, at the present time, the county can-

not afford to build a new courthouse.

In that meeting, a new budget for 1996 was approved, and according to commissioners, funds are tight.

Stephens also commented that he had always trusted the people of Coffee County and that they should have a right to vote on the matter - whether or not to construct a new courthouse in Enterprise.

It has been estimated that a new building would cost between \$2-\$4

million. Creel said, "The courthouse issue is not only a controversial issue, but an emotional issue in Coffee County, and has been for years"

million. Creel noted that this is to be a public hearing and NOT a public debate.

Individuals interested in expressing their views will be asked to sign a roster at the beginning of the meeting. In order to allow enough time for all interested parties to speak, a time limit of five minutes will be placed on each individual addressing the group.

Future leaders observe council in action

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Members of the New Brockton Town Council wasted little time moving through their 12-item agenda which included a brief executive session.

The meeting began on a positive note when Mayor Kathryn Holley recognized several members of the sixth grade class from New Brockton Elementary School.

The class has been studying government and business, and they came to observe the local governing body in action. Some of them, at the conclusion of the meeting, said that they would like to attend future meetings.

Members of the class had elected a mayor and council members. Also, two of the students were acting in the role of bankers.

Mayor Holley commented that she would like to be drawing the same pay as the sixth grader mayor, whose salary had been set at \$500 per month.

Two of New Brockton's business men were present to address the council in hopes of solving problems they were having.

Wayne O'Ferrell told council members that he was having parking problems. He said people, who he believed work out of town, were leaving their vehicles parked in his customer parking spaces and his loading and unloading area all day.

"This is creating a problem for me," O'Ferrell said.

He asked if the town had a parking ordinance on the books that would possibly solve his problem.

Mayor Holley stated that to her knowledge the town had no such ordinance, but she and the council agreed to look into the possibility of having 2-hour parking.

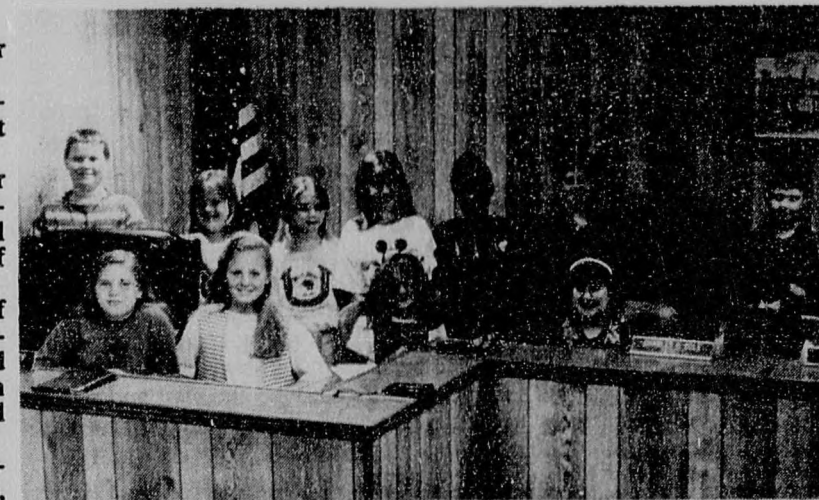
She, along with other members of the council, noted that parking meters were too expensive and would possibly discourage shoppers from coming to New Brockton. O'Ferrell agreed.

During an all-day session on ordinances to be held Thursday (today), the council will take into consideration the town's parking problems.

O'Ferrell also asked if the police department could be more diligent in "shaking the doors" of town businesses. He stated that his store was burglarized a week ago between Sunday night and early Monday morning (Sept. 24 & 25).

According to O'Ferrell, the burglary was brought to the attention of the police department by a passer-by during the early morning hours (8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) on that Monday. He said that police did not arrive at his place of business to investigate the incident until Monday afternoon around 3:30 p.m.

O'Ferrell noted that he preferred not to comment on the matter to any great extent, since the matter was under investigation. He did not want to



Pictured above are members of the sixth grade from New Brockton Elementary School that attended the New Brockton Town Council meeting Monday evening. They are (l-r): seated - Hollis Watkins, Ashley Green, Cassady Kerrigan, Leslie Allison, and Jenna Donaldson; standing - Rocky West, Laura Horton, Alicia Costett, Tabatha Walden, Aubrey McGary, Zach Gifford, Demetrius Foster, and Devin Kelley.

jeopardize the possibility of an arrest being made in the near future.

Both the mayor and the council assured O'Ferrell that door checks would be made much more frequently in the future.

A lighting problem brought to the attention of the council by O'Ferrell will be looked at and evaluated by personnel from Alabama Power Company.

Lemuel Pope, who is in the process of closing his business in New Brockton, asked the council if it is

possible to pay only a portion of the business license fee.

He noted that he would not be in business much longer - certainly not a full year - and did not feel that he should have to buy a 12-month business license.

Mayor Holley explained that the fees were set by a town ordinance and that no provisions for partial payment are provided for in the ordinance.

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160 marijuana plants valued at \$320,000.00 seized near Elba

According to Doug Weeks, an investigator with the Elba Police Department, 160 marijuana plants were seized in Coffee County near Alabama Highway 189 North. Weeks is presently assigned to the 12 Judicial Circuit Task Force.

The seizure took place after the plants were located in a remote wooded area between Elba and the Crenshaw County line.

The marijuana plants had been well cared for and could possibly bring as much as \$2,000 each in

street value. This would make the total value of the seizure approximately \$320,000.00.

All of the plants will be destroyed with the exception of three plants which will be kept by the Elba Police Department. They will be used by the Narcotics Division and D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Unit for educational purposes.

Reportedly, no arrests were made in connection with the seizure of the marijuana plants.

Farm-City Week Swap A Success

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

One man becomes mayor-for-a-day while another steps into the shoes of a farmer.

Billy Wyrosdick, who runs a successful farming operation in Coffee County, had a brief taste of how it feels to manage the City of Enterprise.

On the other hand, Enterprise Mayor Johnny Henderson, dressed in boots and work clothes, ventured out on the farm and was introduced to the chickens, cows and a peanut picker.

This was all part of the Farm-City Swap which has become an annual event of Farm-City Week in Coffee County.

The "swap" took place last Thursday morning with the two men exchanging duties while a group of "news hounds" looked on.

Mayor Henderson oversees the work of the more than 250 full-time city employees, manages a multi-million dollar budget, and carries out the wishes of the city council.

He also maintains a high visibility to the public, representing the city and promoting its "assets" to others. On Thursday, his experiences as farmer-for-a-day led him to the chicken houses to pick up dead chicken, to the field where peanuts were being gathered, and out in to the pasture to feed the cattle.

After his brief tenure as a farmer, Henderson commented, "I had a great morning. I always knew farmers were the backbone of this and all communities. They make our nation go, and we salute them today."

Wyrosdick, after Mayor Henderson made it official that he was the "man-in-charge," was given a brief overview of the mayoral duties. He was then taken on a whirlwind tour of several of the on-going pro-

jects in the city - street paving and the construction of a new park.

"I found out that running a city is more involved than I thought," said Wyrosdick. "This swap is a great idea."

"It brings city folk and country folk together. I've learned a lot and had a great time doing it."

However, Wyrosdick said he had no plans on trading his work boots for dress shoes anytime soon.

The Farm-City Swap is a prelude to many, many more events which will take place during the next few weeks.

Officially, the Farm-City Week Celebration is scheduled during the month of November; however, there are several other related events which take place before and after the actual week of celebration.

The purpose of Farm-City Week is to help build greater understanding between rural and urban residents and to encourage everyone to become partners in progress.

Be on the lookout for more Farm-City Week related events in which YOU can take part.



"Mayor" Billy Wyrosdick (left) presents "Farmer" Johnny Henderson with keys to the tractor

Father seeking recognition for son

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Ray Alcuri, the late son of Tony Alcuri, was shot dead on December 18, 1987 while serving as a police officer in the City of Ozark.

Tony Alcuri has made his home in North Coffee County (Rt. 2, Box 247, Brundidge) for many years, and his son grew up in the area. He would like to see his son remembered with a Coffee County road named after him, as was done in Ozark.

Soon after the officer's violent death, the City of Ozark officially posted Alcuri Drive signs on the designated street. Alcuri Drive is off Mixon School Road in what was then a new subdivision. Mr. Alcuri would also like for a road in the Northeast part of Coffee County to be renamed in honor of his son.

Alcuri said his son always wanted to be a police officer, ever since he could walk and talk as a little child. His grandfather was a New York police officer, and his dream was to follow in granddad's footsteps.

Ray Alcuri died instantly at about 7 a.m. on December 18, 1987 when responding to a domestic complaint in a public housing area. Ozark Police Chief Alan Benefield said that when Alcuri arrived at the scene, he walked up to a person lying in the yard. He didn't know it was a gunshot victim who had earlier been shot in the house.

Benefield said that as Officer Alcuri walked up to that individual, about five feet from the front of the apartment building, a gunshot rang out through the window of the house and he was struck dead instantly.

A report in *The Dothan Eagle* about the dedication ceremony reported Ozark Mayor Billy Blackmon describing the slain officer as: "A fine dedicated, professional law enforcement officer and a genuinely

good man and neighbor."

Blackmon continued, "We are grateful to all those who serve in law enforcement in any respect. We realize each day you approach your job responsibilities that you put your life on the line in order to preserve the rights of citizens."

The Reverend Phil Craddock, who was pastor at Westview Heights United Methodist Church, Ozark, participated in the ceremony. He was quoted saying, "Honor and duty is

always in the minds of law enforcement officers whether they respond to a routine call or a violent act. It's always there because it is their life and a protection for which they give themselves in public service."

Alcui would need the blessings of the Coffee County Commission to get the road renamed. He is circulating a petition in his neighborhood to assure the commissioners the neighbors are not opposed to the change.

HAPPENINGS

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES This Friday night, the Elba Tigers travel to Louisville; the Kingston Bulldogs in Clay County playing Straughn; New Brockton's Gamecocks travel to do battle with Beulah; the Brantley Bulldogs are at home against Clayton; and the Zion Chapel Rebels travel to Geneva County to play Samson. Please check with the respective schools concerning kick-off times.

FREE! FREE! FREE! Jett Williams (daughter of the late Hank Williams, Sr.) and The Drifting Cowboys, the Great Hank Williams Band, with New Brockton's own Don Helms on site, will be in concert Sunday, October 8, at The Wilson House located in the New Hope Community. The show begins at 2:00 p.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. The concert will be outside (weather permitting) so bring lawn chairs.

CANCER SOCIETY MEETING. The American Cancer Society, Coffee County Unit, will hold their board meeting Tuesday, October 10, at 5:45 p.m. The support group meeting will follow at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this group meeting which is for cancer patients, family and friends. The meeting will be held at The Episcopal Church at 302 E. Grubbs Avenue in Enterprise.

COURTHOUSE PUBLIC HEARING. The Coffee County Commission has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton to discuss the courthouse issue. All interested citizens are urged to attend this VERY IMPORTANT hearing (See related article on this page).

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

You read it here first! Several weeks ago it was predicted in this space that California Governor Pete Wilson was having money problems and would soon drop out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination in 1996. Well, he did just that last week. He was more honest than our predictions. Wilson simply said it wasn't worth going deeply into debt over. Which major candidate will be the next to drop out of the race? Sorry, our crystal ball is a bit smoky right now and impossible to read.

Another prediction we made was right on target. Neither of these took a real brain to see... just watch the actions and reaction of the politicians. The names may change, but the story is always the same. This time they passed the necessary paperwork in Washington to allow the government to continue spending, while congress haggles over budget and tax "cuts." That was done almost before our predictions could get printed and to the newspaper readers. Now the news headlines must come from some other direction.

As this is being written on Monday night, the O.J. jury is finished. Their decision will be delivered before a spellbound (?) world on Tuesday morning. At this point, we have mixed emotions about our desire for an outcome. Mainly, we are very, very tired of hearing it every time we turn on the tube or having the cable grab the headlines every time we pick up a newspaper. Let it go away... whatever the verdict is our prevailing emotion. One night last week we tried to watch two different news shows (translate - entertainment, not hard news) and CNN only to find all three talking O.J. We hit the off button and worked at a crossword puzzle.

The Elba City Council has a committee looking into reasons for gasoline being higher in Elba than in surrounding towns. We have heard that questioned for years, but never resolved. The most business-like reason we ever heard was that Elba was in another "zone". We never could understand transportation expense caused the higher price. The edge of a zone line, regardless of the direction to the wholesaler. To add insult to injury, we bought a tank of gas in Elba last Friday, drove to Florida and found them selling regular for 99¢ and the other for \$1.09! Compare that to the prices you and I are paying right now, even with the nationwide reports of drops in gasoline prices.

Every day brings the potential for some new experience in a newspaper office. One day last week a visitor to *The Elba Clipper* office exposed the paper's staff to something a bit different. A young man came in the front door asking for "the boss." When the boss got to the front counter the man was already announcing "we" are going to make "them" put the Confederate flag back up on the state capitol that that judge made them take down and he wanted our help. Don't know if you "we" are, but this editorial "we" said no and asked when a judge did such a thing. The young man was indignant! The fact we ran a newspaper and didn't know that idiot. We quickly explained that the Governor had removed the flag and not a judge. He didn't like our accurate facts and quickly added that the judge refused to make them put it back up and "we" are going to make them do it." He got more upset when it was pointed out to him that it was a battle flag and not the Confederate flag which had been flying over the state capitol. He questioned everything from how we could be a newspaper and not know the facts as he knew them to... whatever. It was time to cut the discussion and we said, "Sir, your original question was would we help you make them put it back up and the answer was no. It is still no. He turned and left with a smirk on his face. We later learned he was selling \$25 subscriptions to what was described by one merchant as a racist magazine. The unnamed visitor spent much of his efforts on visits to other Elba businesses encouraging people to boycott this newspaper... even, in one case, as they were physically escorting him out the door! It is a great life!

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of September 26, 1995 through October 2, 1995.

They were: Steve Brooks, Michelle Tyson, Tracy Miller, Judy M. Wilson, Michael Smith, Hollie Morgan, Lela Tyson, Bernice Gilbert, Aaron Mickle, Albert Wood, Duane Slenker, Deanna Kelley, Denise Burks, Susan Williams, V. C. Mobley, Tishie Davis, Jasmine Walker, Wallace Kelley, Antonio Hill, Rhonda Williams, and Mavis Beckworth. Patients discharged during the same period of time were Denise Burks, Susan Williams, Duane Slenker, Lela Tyson, Aaron Mickle, Deanna Kelley, Albert Wood, Jasmine Walker, Oria Nelson, Allie Nelson, Sara Owens, James Parks, Lorene Vann, May J. Odom, Francis Daniels, Danny R. Smith, Eric King, Michelle Tyson, Judy Wilson, Oneal Hattaway, Michel Smith, Steve Brooks, V. C. Mobley, and Tracy Miller.

ELBA POLICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 26 THRU OCTOBER 2, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, September 26, 1995, investigated the following incidents: two assaults, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one breaking and entering of a vehicle, one criminal mischief, two thefts of property, three harassments, one wreck involving a vehicle and a deer, one reckless endangerment, two burglaries, one marijuana recovery, and one menacing.

The following traffic citations were issued: two for speeding and two for an expired tag. Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, one for violation of the boom box ordinance, and one for assault.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - River stage - 2.97 feet (6:07 a.m.); Alarm at Nascos (9:21 p.m.); Rescue run to Elba Villas (11:28 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Lane (3:42 a.m.); River stage - 2.90 feet (6:23 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Rd. 209 (7:07 a.m.); Rescue run to Kleiner's (9:47 a.m.); Fire and rescue units dispatched to Holley's Store Community (7:49 p.m.); Wreck on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:46 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - Alarm at Nascos (5:30 a.m.); River stage - 2.90 feet (6:40 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sunset Blvd. (7:50 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - River stage - 2.68 feet (6:40 a.m.); Alarm at residence on Taylor Mill Road (11:16 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84E (1:49 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Airport Road (4:39 p.m.); Disturbance (fight) reported at Elba Villas (8:48 p.m.); Burglary reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (9:20 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (12:47 a.m.); River stage - 2.70 feet (6:51 a.m.); Alarm at South Trust Bank (7:48 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (9:09 a.m.); Burglary reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (1:10 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Cash & Carry (3:54 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (8:24 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - Disturbance (loud music) reported at Elba Villas (2:54 a.m.); River stage - 2.65 feet (6:44 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Morrow Village (6:39 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (9:36 p.m.).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 - River stage - 2.40 feet (6:41 a.m.); Burglary reported on Stoumdence St. (3:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

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ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays 6:15 p.m. - City Hall.
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after Council meeting).
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center.
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Bus Office.
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

Setting the Record Straight on Veterans' Benefits

Last week the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, of which I am member, gave its approval to legislation which I introduced giving a full cost-of-living allowance (COLA) to veteran Dependents and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) widows.

This legislation, which will be included in the upcoming budget reconciliation package, specifically provides all veteran spouses under the DIC program, including the old DIC program - pay grade E-7 and above - a full COLA rate increase. This COLA would be extended through the year 2002. This should come as good news to veterans' dependents who have long requested such equitable treatment.

Meanwhile, it's time to set the record straight on other veterans' benefits issues. The Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, Jesse Brown, has been spreading misinformation about the Republican budget's impact on veterans' programs.

Consequently, numerous veterans' publications have inaccurately reported that the Republican budget imposes a means test on service-connected benefits, cuts compensation for disabled veterans, and taxes veterans' benefits. Republican spending proposals do none of these things. The facts are:

Veterans' spending actually rises under the House GOP budget. According to the House Budget Committee, veterans' funding increases from \$36.9 billion in fiscal year 1996 to \$41.8 billion in fiscal year 2002.

During the next seven years, more than \$275 billion will

be spent on veterans' programs - \$40 billion more than during the previous seven years - even though the number of veterans is estimated to decline by seven million, or 26 percent, by 2010.

By comparison, the President recommends larger savings totaling \$17 billion over 10 years - and his budget still doesn't come into balance. Clinton's unbalanced budget means that mounting debt will diminish our capacity to provide for veterans in future years.

The House-passed VA appropriations bill provides \$17.7 billion next year for compensation and pension programs - \$23 million more than in fiscal year 1995 and the same amount requested by the President.

The House-passed VA appropriations bill also increases funding for veterans' medical care to \$16.8 billion in fiscal year 1996 - a \$563 million increase above the fiscal year 1995 level.

As chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance, I am committed to the fair treatment of all our veterans.

As Congress seeks overall spending cuts in every agency and program in order to achieve a balanced federal budget by the year 2002, veterans programs will receive even-handed consideration. Veterans' programs will continue to adequately serve our former uniformed service personnel.

OBITUARIES

MAE TALBOT BREAM

Mae Talbot Bream, a native of Elba, Alabama and long-time resident of Mobile, AL, died Saturday, September 23, 1995 in a Mobile, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 1995 from the Radney Funeral Home Chapel, Mobile, AL. Burial followed in the Pine Crest Cemetery with Radney Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Totsy (Cecil) Corley of Elba, AL; two sisters, Pauline Talbot (Hunter) Jones of Chickasaw, AL and Jerry Talbot (Bob) Ude of St. Louis, Missouri; two sisters-in-law, Trudy Talbot and Mary Talbot; two grandchildren; several great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

AUBREY LEE WRIGHT

Aubrey Lee Wright, age 76 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, September 30, 1995 at his home.

During World War II, Mr. Wright was in the United States Navy and received a Purple Heart.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, October 2, 1995 from the Elba First Baptist Church with Rev. Martin Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Laurie Wright of Elba, AL; his mother, Beatrice Wright of Elba, AL; two daughters, Judy Mays of Richardson, Texas and Nancy Crowe of Elba, AL; one son, Al Wright of Dothan, AL; one sister, Merle Wise of Elba, AL; 9 grandchildren.

TOMMIE ILAND DAVIS

Tommie Ilan Davis, age 93 of Elba, Alabama, died Sunday, October 1, 1995 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 3, 1995 from the Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Winstead officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Lee Davis of Elba, AL; two daughters, Foye Merle Drewery of Elba, AL and Sharon Thompson of Charleston, SC; two sons, Charles W. Davis of Kinston, AL and Billy Davis of Elba, AL; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren.

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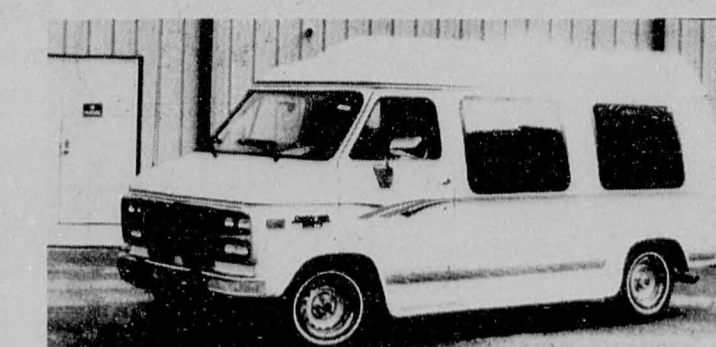
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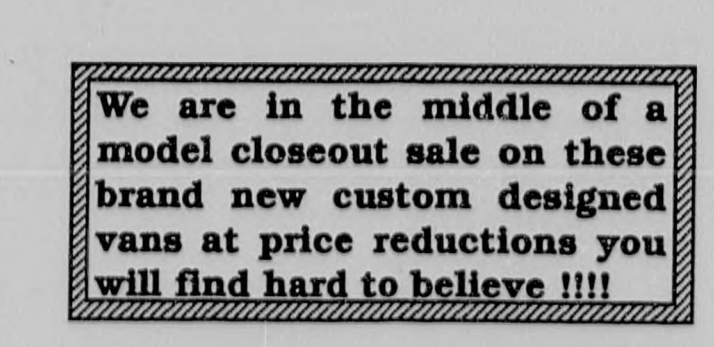
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Dear Mr. Cox:

Thank you for printing my letter to the Elba Elementary School parents.

PTO Parents, I felt ecstatic as I looked across the Elba Elementary School cafeteria Monday night, September 25. I thought, "Why didn't I remember to ask Mr. Cox to make pictures tonight?" I was elated to see approximately 300 parents (Two hundred and fifty-six signed in) present for our first Parent Teacher Organization meeting. Actually, we did not have enough seats for the number of parents who attended. However, this was a "wonderful problem". I felt deeply grateful to be part of the Elba Elementary School and to see this much parent support.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Laurie Wright of Elba, AL; his mother, Beatrice Wright of Elba, AL; two daughters, Judy Mays of Richardson, Texas and Nancy Crowe of Elba, AL; one son, Al Wright of Dothan, AL; one sister, Merle Wise of Elba, AL; 9 grandchildren.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas (Sam) and Juanita Bryan Carpenter of Elba, AL; three sisters, Louise Powell of Brantley, AL, Vannie Ruth Bowers and Tiny Mills Terry, both of Phenix City, AL; two brothers, T.D. Mills and Jeff Mills, both of Opp, AL; one granddaughter, Connie Jean Smith of Newport, Rhode Island; one grandson, LaVaughn Carpenter of Brantley, AL; three great granddaughters, Carolyn Hobie Smith and Amanda Taylor Smith, both of Newport, RI, and Catherine Isabel Carpenter of Brantley, AL; one great grandson, Thomas Elban Carpenter of Brantley, AL.

Our PTO officers Mrs. Alice Maddox, president; Dr. Tony Dye, vice-president; Mrs. Jennifer Brunson, secretary; and Mrs. Valerie Moore, treasurer, provided parents with important information about committees, expenditures, and fund raisers. Elba Elementary School could not provide the materials and supplies our faculty and students use daily without the financial support of our PTO.

Again, I wish to express my sincere "thank you" for the wonderful attendance at our first PTO meeting. I know we can reach or exceed that number at our next meeting. I welcome parent participation in all our school events throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Judy F. Killingsworth

Dear Sir:

I saw in the local papers where the county commissioners are having a lot to say about the county courthouse and houses.

They are realizing this is a problem and quite a burden for them to solve. They know the people of the county are going to hold them responsible.

People, they know whatever route is taken is going to cost money. But they are not fully examining all parts of the problem. They know there are two counties. One in the older area than the one in Enterprise. The one in Elba is on the lower side (flooding area) of the Pea River.

They know there is a great cost to repair these two old buildings. They know in only a few years these two old buildings are going to have to be repaired again and a few more years to be repaired again-on and on and on with the cost greater each time.

To repair these like they should be will cost a lot of money and they have already thought of taxes. Why not build one new courthouse to take care of the whole county and problem. We know it will take some taxes. But this tax will be fore a building that will last for many, many years before it has to be repaired the first time.

Put the cost of building this new building at today's prices against the many repairs of the two buildings at the changing of cost values will find the people of this county will be way ahead of the game by forgetting about the two repairing jobs, but building a new building. The people will be way ahead of the game.

People and friends let us have this put to a vote whether to spend a lot of money for these repairs or lesser amount of money to build one new building for the whole county.

Let us stand up and be counted together.
Thank you.

Yours truly,
James B. Jolley

Dear Editor:

NC17? Boycott! Just because NC17 was attached rather than R? I should have gone to see "Showgirls" just to see if it merited the rucus publicity. A friend of mine was shocked at the vocabulary projected on "Something To Talk About". Another friend of mine was angry about a totally nude lady twice on "Interview With A Vampire". Not to mention so many R rated movies. They were overlooked. R rather than NC17, so that's okay?

It seems to me the "concerned citizens" should really make a difference. Where are true higher standards? Where is your true stand on pornography and obscenity? Maybe these protesters should boycott Cable TV companies and movie rental places along with music stores. I've heard of too many overlooked children watching rented R movies or Cinemas, Showtime, and HBO filled with nude, sex acts and other obscenities. Local music stores sell obscene music like Snoop Doggy Dog. My middle child, sixteen at the time, bought such a music cassette without question, and I got rid of it. Where's the boycott and protest on these? Our children have more access to this in the home than they do in controlled access! Looney Toons teach violence and name calling-not protest?

Where does learning begin? In

the home! Fact: In the average household children, ages 2-12, watch TV more than any other activity other than sleeping, including hours spent in school. Fact: There are five times as many video stores as libraries. Fact: When asked to name their most prized possessions, over 75% of the children surveyed placed either television sets or stereo systems at the top of their list.

More children are exposed to obscenity and nudity with sneaking a peak or carelessness of authority at home. Protesters owe Mr. Clark and Mr. Davis an apology! Attach the real influence or is that too complicated and touching home? Rather than controlled access if "showgirls" had been simply rated R probably nothing would have erupted. Boycott video stores for R rated rentals, cable companies for channels showing R rated movies and music stores for obscene music. Then justify protest.

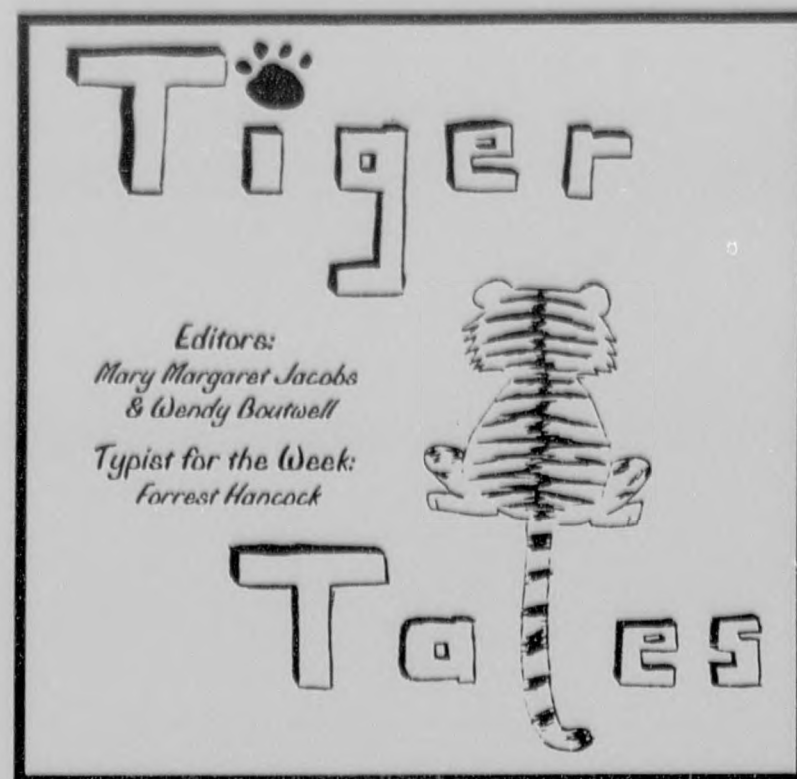
Five Star Volunteer Fire Department to have Barbecue Fundraiser

A Five Star Volunteer Fire Department barbecue fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 14, 1995 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The barbecue will be held at the Victoria Community Building. Plates will be \$4.50 each.



ELBA HEAD START VISITS CLIPPER OFFICE... The preschoolers in Ms. Sinson and Mrs. Strozzer's class is learning about Community Helpers. They have visited the public library, the police station, some businesses, and Mayor Ricky Haywood. Pictured above is the group visiting at *The Elba Clipper*. They were shown how the newspaper is printed and distributed in the community.

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SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above (l to r) are Angela Ringer, Carl Alexander, Margo Gray, and Rudy Free.

by Jarrod Adkison & Marsha Tillis

Angie Parrish is the daughter of Mike Parrish and Debbie Holley. She is an active member of VICA and the First Baptist Church of Elba. She enjoys playing golf, swimming, and being with friends. After high school, Angie plans to attend Troy State University.

Carl Alexander is the son of Jeanette and Johnny Williamson. He enjoys playing football and drafting. Carl attends Morning Star Church. Notre Dame is his favorite college team. Carl plans to attend drafting school after finishing high school.

Rudy Free is the son of Rudolph and Hilda Free. He is an active member of FFA and Basin Baptist Church. Rudy enjoys playing sports, and his favorite college team is Alabama. His goal for the year is to win the State Championship in football.

Margo Gray is the daughter of Rev. Cobie and Razella Gray. She is a member of FBLA and E-Club and is a 1995-96 Tiger Rep. She attends Voice of the Last Call Deliverance Ministry. Margo enjoys reading and hopes to become a teacher or computer technician. Her goal for the year is to be the best she can be.

Angela Ringer is the daughter of Don and Loretta Ringer. She is actively involved in the band, FBLA, FFA, and the Broadshaw Church of God. Angela enjoys being with friends and talking on the phone. Auburn is her favorite college team. After graduation, Angela plans to attend Troy State University and major in music.

*** Junior Class Meets ***

by Wyndi Baker

The Junior Class held a meeting on August 29 in the library. They discussed the Junior Senior Prom, Magazine Sales, and the Junior float. They also elected officers for the Junior Class of 95-96. The officers are listed as follows: President D'Undray Peterson, Vice President Erin Vignola, Secretary Chastity Williams, Treasurer Trent Calhoun.



Pictured above (l to r) are Trent Calhoun, D'Undray Peterson, Chastity Williams, and Erin Vignola.

Birmingham -Southern College sets Preview Days

Several hundred high school students and their parents from across the Southeast will attend the 1995 Birmingham-Southern College Preview Days on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, November 11. The on-campus visits give high school juniors and seniors a first-hand look at life at Birmingham-Southern College, one of the nation's top liberal arts colleges as ranked by *The Fiske Guide To Colleges, Money, and U.S. News & World Report*.

For more information about Birmingham-Southern College Preview Days, contact DeeDee Bruns, Birmingham-Southern College Office of Administration at 205-226-4696 or 1-800-523-5793.

FFA Peanut Boiling

by Bucky Carille

On Tuesday, September 12 the FFA peanut boiling was held. There were several members in attendance. FFA members grilled hamburgers and boiled peanuts, and had a little time to have a few interesting conversations. Each of them, after a recreational time outside, joined in the classroom for a meeting. The secretary, Adam Brooks, recorded the minutes for the meeting.



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Counselor's Corner

by Melissa Hall

High school seniors who meet academic and other qualifications are invited to submit a 750 word essay capturing their own vision of the future of American manufacturing. The top winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Second and third winners will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship. All three winners will each receive a personal computer. The deadline for submitting essays is October 31, 1995. See Mr. Carley for further details.

Any student enrolled in the eighth grade is invited to enter the "Fourth Annual Eighth Grade Essay Contest". The topic is "Why I will say NO to Alcohol and Drugs". The essay must not exceed 500 words and may be either typewritten or legibly handwritten. The first place winner will receive \$300. Second place will receive \$125, and third place will receive \$75. The entries must be received no later than January 31, 1996. See Mr. Carley for further details.

???Question??? Corner

by Leray Smedley

The following students were asked what their feelings were about the EHS talk show "Tiger Pause". Their responses were:

Chris Tyson: "I like it, but it needs more humor."
Jason Sasser: "I think it's real good."
Jeremy Pippin: "It's alright."
Tawana Rodgers: "Needs to be funnier."
Will Oges: "It's pretty good."
Randy Dodd: "I don't see anything wrong with it."
Cassius Wilson: "They need to tell more about local sports."
Daniel Murdock: "I love the way they try to look so serious."
Angela Ringer: "It's pretty good for something that just started."
Stephenson Clark: "I like it and hope it goes a long way."

SALUTE

Senior Class Meetings



Pictured above (l to r) are Jarrod Adkison, Eddie Cowen, Leray Smedley, and Destiny Brown.

by Jenny Ross

On September 7, the senior class held the first of two class meetings for the month. They discussed a homecoming float, senior t-shirts, and nominated class officers who were voted on the next day. The 1995-96 Senior Class officers are: Destiny Brown, president; Leray Smedley, vice-president; Eddie Cowen, treasurer; and Jarrod Adkison, reporter.

During the September 13 meeting, Mr. Parker from Balfour came to discuss graduation supplies. The seniors voted on the four invitations selected by the class officers and listened to Mr. Parker's presentation. Graduation supplies will be ordered on October 4 starting at 7:30 a.m.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (back row, l to r) are Gary Davis, Reese Grantham, and Kevin Tillis; (front row, l to r) Sunny Campbell and Raean McCollough.

by Regina Austin

Sunny Campbell is the daughter of Fannie and Terry Campbell. Her hobbies are watching her baby sister, Jessie, and skating. She is a member of the New Ebenezer Baptist Church. Her greatest accomplishment is her change in attitude. Her most embarrassing moment is going to school with her clothes inside out and not knowing it until her teacher told her at lunch. She likes how the teachers teach at EHS.

Reese Grantham is the daughter of Lucia and Kenneth Grantham. She enjoys riding horses, talking on the telephone, playing the flute, and being in the colorguard. Reese is a member of Chi Alpha Mu, FFA, FHA, Jr. Beta, FBLA, and SADD.

Kevin Tillis is the son of Willie Calvin and Jeanette Tillis. He enjoys sports and hanging out with friends. He is a member of Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church and VICA. The thing he likes most about EHS is changing teachers and changing classes.

Raean McCollough is the daughter of Earl and Pam McCollough. She attends First Baptist Church and she is a member of Jr. Beta, SADD, and FFA. Her hobbies include softball, volleyball, cheerleading, and riding horses. Her greatest accomplishment was making "100" on one of Mrs. Berry's tests.

Gary Davis is the son of Carolyn Silar. He attends Elba Church of Christ and he is a member of FBLA, SADD, FFA, and Spanish Club. His hobbies include playing basketball and spending time with his girl. His greatest accomplishment was becoming a junior.

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October 9-13, 1995

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SCIENCE NEWS

Science Club Meets

by Tasha Cooper

Dues, membership eligibility, fundraisers, trips, guest speakers, and officers were the subject on the agenda of the first Science Club meeting.

Mrs. Michelle McInnis, sponsor, said that anyone who would like to be an officer had to write an essay telling why they should like to be an officer. Mrs. McInnis set the dues for \$5.00. They are due by October 16, 1995.

Mrs. McInnis told the group that they would have fundraisers. These fundraisers are to pay for the equipment her classes will be using for their labs. She also told the group that they will take trips pertaining to science. Mrs. McInnis said, "I will be happy to take suggestions about trips we might make and things we could do."

Mrs. McInnis also talked to the group about having guest speakers. The guest speakers will be coming from Troy State University. They will talk to the Science Club about careers. There will also be a Science Olympiad at Troy State in which a science team from Zion Chapel could participate. This will give students a chance for hands on experience.

Science in Motion Visits Science Classes

by Celeste Richards

Science in Motion from Troy State University recently visited Mrs. Michelle McInnis' science classes. Mrs. Debra Byars, the instructor, taught the chemistry class about microdensity. The class conducted a lab on microdensity. The purpose of this lab was to find the density of a small piece of plastic and use the density to identify the type of plastic. Students brought different plastics from home to conduct the experiment. When the student began the lab, they were instructed to make the piece of plastic suspend in the liquid that was in the test tube. Once the plastic was suspended, the liquid and the plastic possessed exactly the same density. The students then measured the liquid on an analytical balance. After they recorded the mass of the liquid, the students could find out the liquid of the plastic.

by Pam Johnson

The Zion Chapel High School Chorus performed a personal concert for the principal, Dr. Linda Ingram, and Melissa Kelly. The chorus group has five members. They are Pam Johnson, Sabrina Stokes, Melanie Cape, Andrea Wilkerson, and Amanda Lee. The chorus is directed by Mr. Gary Rudolph, the Zion Chapel Band director. After the concert, Dr. Ingram expressed her appreciation for the concert and how much improvement had been made over the chorus from the previous year. Dr. Ingram said, "I'm impressed."

Becki Saville, Holly Williams, Trina Grimes, Aretha Rhodes, Shannon Bundy, Suzy Ingram, and Melissa Kelly.

The choir sang "I'm Trampin'" and "Sing With Jubilation", then just the girl members sang "All Around The World Tonight". The members of the chorus are divided into three choral groups: bass, alto, and soprano. The bass group has six members. They are Roy Stewart, Chris Bell, Andre Flowers, Paul Hussey, Douglas Stewart, and Levi Cole. The alto group has seven members. They are

by Chucky Mitchell

Fire was the subject of study in the science classes taught by Mrs. Michelle McInnis.

The classes were visited by Mr. Billy Cobb and Mr. Tony Hussey, firemen for the Troy Fire Department. Mr. Cobb has been a fire-fighter for 21 years and Mr. Hussey for 12 years. The firemen talked about fire and reasons to respect it. Then the students watched a video about fire. The students learned what fire is, how it burns, and why it burns. The students learned how to use an extinguisher using the four proper steps: pull, aim, squeeze, and sweep or PASS. They also learned the kinds of fire extinguishers used to control different kinds of fires. The students learned the four classes of fire which are: leaves, flammable liquids, electrical wiring, and exotic metals. Later in the period, class members went outside and learned the proper way to put out a gas fire.

by Hanna Whitt

The junior class at Zion Chapel High School has been selling magazines since August 25. The sponsors for the junior class are: Mrs. Mary Herbert, Mrs. Jackie Bright, Ms. Stacey Spears, and Dr. Linda Ingram. The junior class does the magazine sales every year to pay for the Junior/Senior prom held in May. This year the junior class at Zion Chapel is a small class with only about 35 members. The class had to meet their goal of \$7,500 to pay for the prom of the graduating seniors. As of print time, the class had raised approximately \$5,000.

Pictured above are: Chucky Mitchell, Tasha Cooper (standing), and Heather Davis (sitting).

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Shey Nelson: My Story...

by Shey Nelson

(Editor's Note: Below is a story written to fulfill a word processing assignment in Journalism.)

Last year, everyday about 5:00 p.m., I had to go to Chris's house to pick up my little sister, Vanessa. One day my sister's little sister, Adrienne, went with me. Before we went to get her we stopped at Hines Country Store to get something to eat and drink. On the way home, Vanessa was in the front seat with me and Adrienne was in the back seat. Adrienne was aggravating me as usual. We had just passed Thames Bridge which is right above Chris's house. I was looking over my shoulder at Adrienne to see what she was doing. I have a bad habit of when I look over my shoulder, my car goes the opposite way. This

Views from THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Sports Editor

There are a lot of traditions surrounding Elba Tiger football; however, one of the traditions that most fans never notice is how the youngsters mob the field after the game and tear down the signs hung on the fence by the cheerleaders. The youngsters rip the signs down and then run on the field from goal line to goal line with the pieces of sign blowing in the wind. It may sound like a strange tradition, but those kids that run on the field when they are young are the same ones that can't wait to get on the field when they grow up as players, cheerleaders and band members. The tradition starts early!

PERSONALITY OF '95 TIGERS BEGINNING TO EMERGE

Back in the summer when people would ask me what kind of football team Elba would have this season, I'd always tell 'em the same thing and say that while the Tigers might not have any so-called "superstars," they would have a bunch of players that had played football all their lives and were used to playing four solid quarters. I called the '95 Tigers a "blue collar" team in pre-season because of the work ethic of the team during the off-season, and the fact that the team would have to work hard to win this season against a rugged schedule. Well, Friday night against Daleville the Tigers rolled up their sleeves again, went to work and avenged last year's embarrassing 38-8 loss by defeating the Warhaws 20-16. The win improved Elba's record to 3-2 and wasn't won with any trickery, it was just another win earned the old-fashioned way - through hard work and determination.

The Elba offense did score one touchdown on a reverse, but for the most part the Tigers simply lined up against a much bigger team and dominated the line of scrimmage. Elba gained over 200 yards on the ground for the second straight week and moved the ball consistently. Penalties plagued the offense at times and stopped a couple of drives, but Elba moved the football on almost every position and seemed to out quick the quick, and aggressive Daleville defense. Coach David Lowery said a couple of weeks ago that Elba would have to run the ball to win, and now that the Tigers' running game is rolling, the wins are beginning to roll up.

Part of the reason for Elba's recent success on the ground is the fact that the Tigers have four backs that aren't afraid to stick their heads into a pile and fight for anything they can get. Chris Tyson had his second 100-yard

game of the season Friday night and D'Undray Peterson hit the century mark a week ago, but Bobby Burks is also running hard and can pick up big yardage when it is needed the most, and quarterback Troy Bryan runs as hard as any running back anywhere, and is a big part of the Tigers' rushing attack, as his 44 carries in five games indicates.

The offensive line was much maligned early in the season after two games in which the running game never got on track; however, the line has also picked up its intensity and it has grown by leaps and bounds in the past two weeks. The line had three newcomers starting when the year started, but after lining up against folks like 5A Charles Henderson, 4A state champ T.R. Miller, 2A power Georgiana, 5A Opp and 4A Daleville, there isn't a single thing as a rookie anymore on the Elba front wall, and the new "veterans" are beginning to play like battle-tested winners.

The defense gave up some big plays to the explosive Daleville offense, but came up with some big plays of its own and for the second straight week forced turnovers that literally turned the game around. Elba forced a Daleville fumble at midfield on the Warhaws' first possession, had a quarterback sack for a seven-yard loss to turn back a drive early in the second quarter, recovered a fumble and returned it 71 yards for a touchdown to put the Tigers up 14-0, stopped Daleville one yard short on a fourth down and six at the Elba 24-yardline, and for the second straight week recovered a fumbled punt. In a game decided by four points, that many big plays on defense can make the difference.

One very noticeable improvement Friday night was the punting of Todd McKee. McKee plays center on offense, defensive-end on defense, handles the place-kicking duties and also punts, and last week his punting was at its best as he averaged 40 yards per punt on four punts. McKee's most impressive punt was a 38-yarder out of his own endzone that sailed high into the wind and had to be fair-caught by the Daleville return man. McKee has shown improvement every week, and if he continues to improve his punting, it could become yet another weapon for the Tigers. Looking back at the win over Daleville, it was an impressive win in that the Tigers could have been intimidated simply by the fact they were playing Daleville. The players knew that Daleville won last year 38-8 and had the reputation for being an overly-aggressive team, but they didn't care and simply went out and did what it took to win. That's the bottom line in any sporting event, and the '95 Tigers have learned that lesson well!

KINSTON CELEBRATES FIRST WIN OF SEASON

The Kinston Bulldogs had a reason to celebrate Friday night as they outscored the G.W. Long Rebels to claim their first win of the season after four disappointing losses. The Bulldogs won't get the chance to celebrate for long, with Straughn and Elba on the horizon, but a win is a win, and it had to be a fun weekend for the folks down in K'town! Here's a look at last week's area results....

*KINSTON (1-4) has had one of the most explosive offenses among 1A teams all season, and Friday night needed every bit of it as the Bulldogs outscored G.W. Long 40-34 to gain their first win of the season. The Kinston defense had its problems again, but the offense never let up, and in the end it was the defense that came up with the big turnover that saved the game. A win can work wonders, and the Bulldogs now have hopes that more wins will follow.

*NEW BROCKTON (2-3) showed some offensive punch against Houston Academy, but the defense never got into the game as the Gamecocks were outscored 35-21. The re-emergence of the New Brockton offense was a good sign, and proved that the Gamecocks could still punt points on the scoreboard despite recent off-the-field problems. If the defense can just slow folks down, more wins will come before long. The Gamecocks just have to believe in themselves.

*BRANTLEY (3-2) battled cross-county rival Luverne down to the final hom before falling 18-12, and even in the loss again proved that the 1A Bulldogs are team to be reckoned with. The Bulldogs had their walking wounded back for the big game, although Moreo Jones was at less than full-speed, and Brantley had the chances to win the game, but saw the win slip through his fingertips. The losses to teams like 4A Daleville and 3A Luverne will only make the Bulldogs meaner down the stretch.

*ZION CHAPEL (2-2) had the week off to get ready for the home-stretch, and you know the Rebels used the time off to work on conditioning and getting the right people in the right places. How well the Rebels look this week should provide a clue how the rest of the season will go for the guys from Zion Chapel.

TOP TEAMS ENJOY CALM WEEK ACROSS THE STATE

Week #5 of the high school football season had its share of upsets, but not among the state's top teams, as all six of the top-ranked teams survived the week. Here's a look across the state at what happened at the midway point of the season....

*CLASS 6A - Top-ranked Robert E. Lee had its second straight impressive win with a 34-3 romp past Hewitt-Trussville, while #2 Northview saw its bubble burst in an 18-14 setback to #4 Central, of Phenix City. Enterprise got back on track with a solid 17-10 win over Tuscaloosa County, on the road, and Carroll, of Ozark, finally got its first win as the Eagles stunned Eufrata 27-14.

*CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Homewood made it look easy in an impressive win over Tuscaloosa Hillcrest 21-0, while Stanhope Elmore protected its #3 ranking with a 56-8 walk past Southside, of Selma. Andalusia improved its record to 2-3 with a 12-7 win over winless Charles Henderson, and Opp saw its record slip to 2-3 as Greenville worked over the Bobcats 32-14.

*CLASS 4A - Top-ranked T.R. Miller ran its winning streak to 20 games, but it wasn't easy, as the Tigers had to struggle before winning 8-7 over Escambia County. Fourth-ranked W.S. Neal, located just across the river from Miller, also remained undefeated by clobbering Grand Bay 42-0, while #6 Dale County romped and rolled all over Slocomb in a 46-7 rout, and Ashford kept Pike County winless by blanketing the Bulldogs 8-0.

*CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Sylva had an easy time as it blasted Dale County, Georgia, 34-16, while #5 St. Paul's went to 5-0 with a lopsided 34-7 win over Washington County. Southern Chocoma finally got win #1 by edging 1A Milly 14-6, and two-time defending champ Colbert County was impressive in a 35-21 win over Deshler.

*CLASS 2A - Clay County gave up its first points of the season in a 46-6 win over Vincent, and even though the scoring drive was one-yard, following a blocked punt, it did spoil the shut-out streak. Hazlewood kept pace with a 49-0 win over West Limestone, while #5 Florala was knocked off by Straughn 28-7, and #8 Georgiana got back on track by pounding J.F. Shields 41-0.

*CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Billingsley flexed its muscle in an impressive 18-13 win over 4A Dallas County, while #6 Maplesville lost for the second time in three weeks as the Devils were lamed by Jemison 21-20. Courtland bounced back from its disaster against the 5A Tuscaloosa, to rip Mt. Hope 47-8, and Beulah dismantled Lyman Ward 66-14.

WINLESS TEAMS LIVE AT BOTTOM OF POLLS

The high school football polls are a source of much discussion every week across the state, but for some teams, the polls are something that are never mentioned. Those teams are the ones that are winless after five weeks, and here's a quick look at those living at the bottom of the polls.

*CLASS 6A - Two of the worst teams in the big school ranks are from the Mobile area, as Fairhope has been outscored 139-29 in five losses, while Satsuma has taken the loss on the chin by a combined score of 158-33 in a handful of defeats. Huntsville Lee has managed to average almost 17 points per game in its five losses, but has allowed over 41 points per game. Ouch!

*CLASS 5A - Shelby County may have the dubious honor of being at the bottom in 5A after being outscored 122-10 in five losses, but Albia isn't far behind as the Sharks have been hooked 140-20 in losing five straight. Charles Henderson has scored an average of almost 15 points per game, but has allowed over 35 points per outing in its five losses.

*CLASS 4A - Pike County has two state titles under its belt and has played one of the state's toughest schedules, but the Bulldogs have been outscored 162-13 in five losses and have to be at the bottom of the 4A ranks after five weeks, followed closely by Hayden, which has been outscored 132-41 in its five setbacks.

*CLASS 3A - Perhaps the worst team in the state in any class resides in the 3A ranks, as R.C. Hatch has been outscored 203-2 in just four losses, with two of the losses coming to such powers (?) as Sunshine and Central, of Hayneville. Madison County has been outscored 121-6 and is making a run for the bottom, while West Blocton has lost five straight by a combined score of 155-43 and Litchfield has been humbled to the tune of 176-41 in five straight losses.

*CLASS 2A - Clayton is unchallenged in 2A circles after being outscored 225-20 in five straight losses, while Lyman Ward is making a run for the bottom slot after falling 131-30 in just three games and Red Level has hit the bottom after being outscored 195-18 in five losses. One-time power Oneonta is also 0-5, but not really that bad, after being outscored 126-68 by some pretty good opponents.

*CLASS 1A - The bottom run on the 1A ladder is crowded, as Southern Normal has yet to score after being outscored 77-0 in two losses, but St. Jude is nearing the bottom after being drilled 154-6 in five straight losses and Waterloo is trying to head down the poll after falling to 0-5 and being outscored 173-27. The best winless team in the state has to be McKenzie, which has been outscored 108-52, but has lost to teams like Georgiana, Flomaton and Brantley.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR HOME STRETCH
Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was in a pretty good mood this week when he dropped by and made sure everyone knew he hit Elba's big win over Daleville on the nose. He hit on 46 of 54 picks in week #5 to improve his yearly totals to 172-38, and vowed that the best is yet to come as the teams head down the road to the playoffs. Time will tell!

ELBA VS. LOUISVILLE
The Louisville Red Devils have won two games already this season and will have nothing to lose Friday night when the Elba Tigers bring their two-game winning streak to town. There's no doubt the Devils will have a few tricks up their sleeves and could surprise the Tigers early in the game, but Elba should have more than enough pride to claim this important Area win.

ELBA 32 LOUISVILLE 14
ZION CHAPEL VS. SAMSON
The Zion Chapel Rebels had the week off to get ready for this battle against the highly-ranked Samson Tigers, and should be well rested and well-prepared. However, the Tigers haven't claimed five straight wins using mirrors, and may simply have too much for the Rebels.

SAMSON 27 ZION CHAPEL 16
NEW BROCKTON VS. BEULAH
The Gamecocks began to look like the Gamecocks of old in spots last week, and with another good week of practice should be even better this week. The problem is that this week New Brockton travels up to Beulah to meet the undefeated Bobcats, in the Bobcats' own den. Feathers may be flying in this one.

BEULAH 34 NEW BROCKTON 20
KINSTON VS. STRAUGHN
The Bulldogs had last weekend to celebrate after claiming a win over G.W. Long, but this week have come back to reality, and Friday night must face Straughn, which has its best team in years. If Kinston can find a defense this one could be closer than most people think, if not,
STRAUGHN 35 KINSTON 13

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Elba defensive-end Todd McKee (54) sacks Daleville quarterback Marc Arias (11) for a big loss during the Tigers' 20-16 win Friday night. Elba will travel to Louisville this week to battle the Louisville Red Devils in a critical Area 4 contest.

Tigers dump Daleville 20-16

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers continued their mid-season surge Friday night as they posted an impressive 20-16 win over the 4A Daleville Warhaws, in front of a big crowd in Elba's Tiger Stadium.

The win moved Elba's record to 3-2, while Daleville slipped to 1-4 with the loss.

Elba received the opening kickoff and behind the passing of Troy Bryan moved quickly to a first down at the Daleville 42-yardline. Bryan, a junior, completed a 9-yard pass to Shandez Daniels and a 10-yard toss to D'Undray Peterson to spark the early drive. However, penalties against the Tigers on two straight plays slowed the march, and on third down a Bryan pass was intercepted, killing the drive.

The Tigers got the ball right back at midfield on a fumble recovery by Earl Perkins after a big hit by Rudy Free, but Elba failed to move the chains and punted the ball back to the Warhaws.

The ensuing Daleville possession got off to a slow start as a clipping penalty left the Warhaws facing a third down and 19 at their own 17-yardline. A 25-yard pass completion from Marc Arias to Jason Moore gave the Tigers a first down, and a 15-yard scamper by Clifton Buckhalter moved the chains again as Daleville moved to a first down at the Elba 43-yardline.

Daleville moved to the Elba 34, but Todd Hooks hit David Key in the backfield for a two-yard loss on second down, and after a third down pass fell incomplete, as the Tigers turned back the Daleville threat.

The Tigers put the ball in play at their own 36-yardline with 6:23 left in the half and marched 64 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard.

A key play in the drive came after a three-yard gain by Troy Bryan that apparently left Elba facing a fourth down and one at the Elba 46-yardline. The Tigers asked the referees for a measurement, but the officials refused and punted the ball, leaving Elba with a fourth down. Elba's Coach David Lowery called a time-out and demanded a measurement, and after the chains were brought in, the Tigers had the first down by a matter of inches, and were off and running.

An 11-yard run by Bryan gave the Tigers a first down at the Daleville 41-yardline, and after a 6-yard gain by Tyson and a five-yard penalty against the Warhaws, Tyson broke loose and raced 29 yards for an Elba touchdown. Todd McKee added the extra-point, and with 2:27 left in the half the Tigers were on top 7-0.

Daleville was ready to answer the Elba score, and after the ensuing kickoff quickly marched to a first down at the Tigers' 24-yardline. Quarterback Marc Arias made a last-second pitch on an option on the next play; however, the pitch was behind the Daleville running back, and Elba's D'Undray Peterson scooped up the loose ball and raced 71 yards down the sidelines for another Tiger touchdown!

Todd McKee added the extra-point, and with 1:52 left in the half the Tigers owned a sudden 14-0 advantage.

Daleville threatened late in the third quarter and behind the play of Marc Arias moved to a fourth down and six at the Elba 24-yardline, only to be turned back when Rudy Free made a big hit on the sidelines and stopped Arias one yard short of the first down marker.

The Tigers put the ball in play at the Daleville 40-yardline with 9:51 left in the game after a fumbled punt was recovered by Elba's Brian

Rowe, and Elba moved the chains as it moved to a first down at the Hawk 29-yardline. The Tigers took their time on the ensuing plays in an attempt to eat up the clock, and while Elba did eat up over four minutes off the clock, it failed to get another first down, as Daleville took over at its own 29-yardline.

Daleville needed a quick touchdown to get back in the game, and did get its much-needed touchdown, but the Warhaws never got in a hurry and used up over four minutes of the clock in driving 71 yards in 11 plays. The score came on a 9-yard run by David Key, and Jason Moore passed to Billy Weeks for the two-point conversion, as Daleville closed to within 20-16 with 1:01 still left on the clock.

Elba's Eddie Cowen recovered Daleville's on-sides kick attempt, and the Tigers easily ran out the clock to claim the impressive 20-16 victory.

Chris Tyson gained 110 yards on 15 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Troy Bryan added 45 yards on 12 carries and passed for 19 yards, hitting on 2 of 12 passes. Daleville was led by Marc Arias with 95 yards rushing on 13 carries, and 130 yards passing, as he hit on 9 of 15 passes.

The Elba defense was led by Rudy Free with 12 tackles and 2 assists, while Todd Hooks made 7 stops and 1 assist, and Brian Rowe made 5 tackles and recovered a fumble.

STATISTICS

E	D
11	1st Downs 15
38-222	Rushes-Yds. 30-182
19	Passing Yds. 330
241	Total Offense 512
2-12-1	Opp at Red Level
1/0	Fumbles/Lost 4/3
4-39	Punts-Ave. 4-38
11-75	Penalties-Yds. 7-43



Elba's Chris Tyson (20) cuts behind D'Undray Peterson (33) and finds room to roam. Tyson scored on a 29-yard run on the play, and during the 20-16 win over Daleville, gained 110 yards and scored a touchdown to spark the Elba offense.



Elba quarterback Troy Bryan (12) looks for running room after rolling out in the Tigers' 20-16 win over Daleville. Bryan will lead the Tigers into Louisville this week for a crucial Class 3A, Area 4 match-up with the Louisville Red Devils.

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Lady Tiger volleyball teams have rough week on court

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball teams found rough going on the court last week as the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High teams all suffered losses.

The Lady Tiger Varsity dropped its only match of the week to Samson, while the Junior High fell to Enterprise Junior and Dauphin.

Junior Tigers see record dip to 0-4 with 36-6 loss to Opp

The Elba Junior High Tigers fell behind early and never recovered Thursday night as they were defeated by Opp Junior Bobcats 36-6, in Opp.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-4 record, while Opp improved to 4-0 with the win.

The Junior Tigers will swing back into action tonight (Thursday) when they travel to Enterprise to battle Dauphin Junior High.

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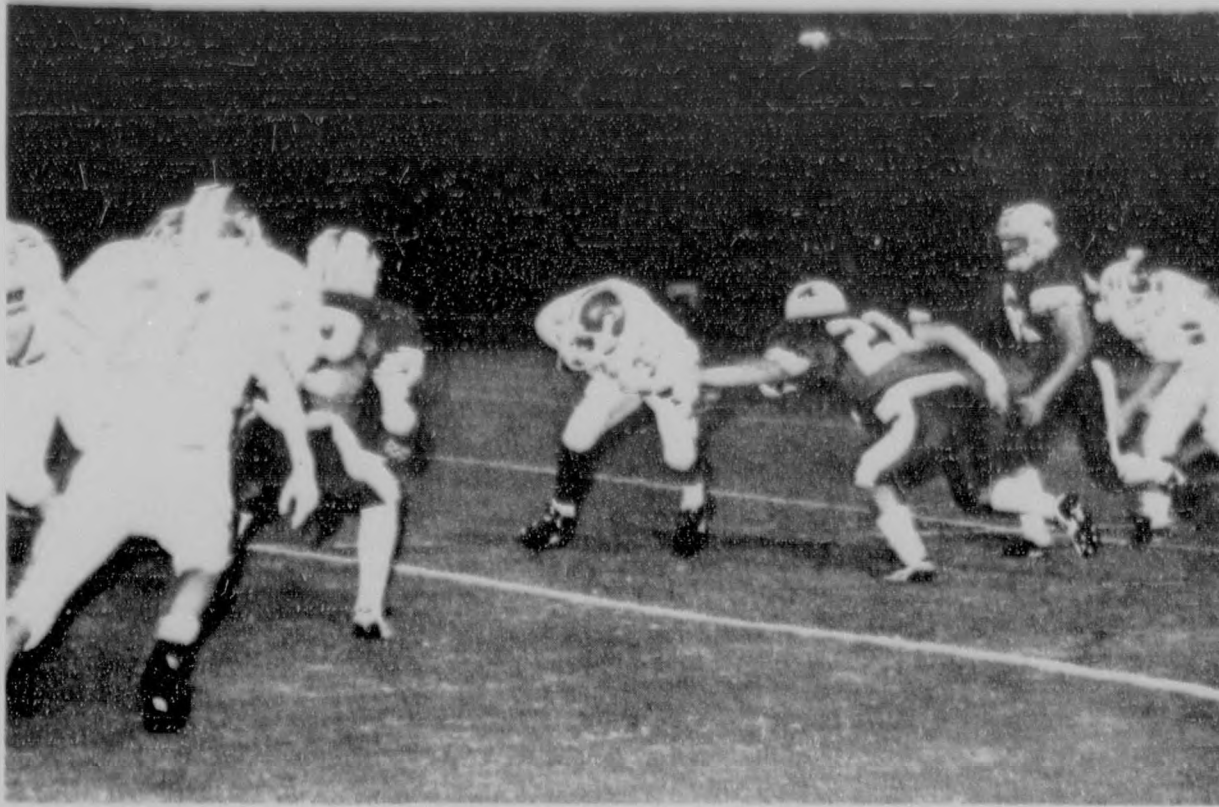
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New Brockton's Lee Flowers (33) bursts through a huge hole in the Houston Academy defense in Friday's 35-21 loss to the Raiders. Flowers gained 173 yards on 18 carries to spark the Gamecocks, which fell to 2-3 with the loss.

Raiders ambush Gamecocks 35-21

By Chris Flowers, Sports Writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Houston Academy Raiders put on an offensive show Friday night in Dothan, and when the final curtain dropped, it was the Raiders that had claimed the win in a wild 35-21 shoot-out.

The win improved Houston Academy's record to 3-2, while New Brockton slipped to 2-3 with the loss.

New Brockton's defense stopped a Houston Academy drive to open the game, but there was no stopping the Gamecock offense as it marched downfield in 13 plays to score the first points of the night.

Lee Flowers was the workhorse of the scoring drive with 69 yards on four carries, while it was Adam Barr that got the touchdown on an 8-yard scamper. The extra-point was successful and with 16 left in the opening stanza New Brockton was on top 7-0.

Houston Academy's offense was ready to get in on the fun and on its ensuing possession drove 60 yards in nine plays to get on the scoreboard. Pepper Clark gained 37 yards during the drive on seven carries and scored the touchdown on a 12-yard dash. Daniel Hart kicked the extra-point and the score was knotted at 7-7 early in the second quarter.

New Brockton began its next series at its own 20-yardline and this time needed eight plays to cover the distance and get back in the endzone.

Adam Barr hit on two passes for 28 yards and Lee Flowers gained 29 yards on four carries during the drive, while Gene Streeter added 25 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run. The extra-point try failed, leaving New Brockton with a 13-7 lead with 3:13 remaining in the half.

The Gamecocks' lead didn't last for long, however, as Houston Academy needed only two plays to regain the lead, with the touchdown coming on a 54-yard pass from Keary King to Sam Gay. Hart added the extra-point, and with 2:37 left in the half the Raiders were back in front 14-13.

Houston Academy got the ball back late in the half, and once again scored quickly, as Keary King turned to the air and hit Sam Gay with a 25-yard scoring strike. Hart's p.a.t. was again true, and at the half the Gamecocks went in trailing 21-13.

New Brockton got a break early in the third quarter on a fumble recovery by Pepper Clark. Hart's extra-point try was true, and with 7:56 remaining in the game the Raiders were ahead 35-21.



Members of the New Brockton Marching Band kept the faith throughout the game and helped the cheerleaders keep the fans and players fired up with their support.

The touchdown came when Lee Flowers took a handoff from Adam Barr, then passed across the field, and the passing of Adam Barr, marched deep into Raider territory in the closing seconds of the game, and Drew Miller added the extra-point to tie the score at 21-21.

Houston Academy needed only three plays to answer the Gamecock score, as Pepper Clark scampered on a 4-yard run. The score was set up by a 50-yard scamper by Clark, and Hart added the extra-point, putting the Raiders back on top 28-21 with 4:01 left in the stanza.

Houston Academy's final score of the night came following an 89-yard drive, and came on a 2-yard run by Pepper Clark. Hart's extra-point try was true, and with 7:56 remaining in the game the Raiders were ahead 35-21.

STATISTICS		NB	HA
1st Downs	22	18	15
Rushes-Yds.	54-348	265	229
Passing Yds.	139	103	139
Total Offense	418	368	368
Turnovers	6-12-0	5-7-0	5-5-0
Penalties-Yds.	5-50	0-0	Fumbles/Lost
Punts-Ave.	3-30	30	Penalty Yds.
			5

Area teams face rugged foes in week #6

The high school football season begins its turn toward the home stretch this week, and for teams in the area, week #6 will bring with it some of the toughest games of the season.

Following is a preview of this week's area games:

NEW BROCKTON AT BEULAH

The (2-3) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to put the kids on a two-game losing streak Friday night when they make the long trip to battle the undefeated (5-0) Beulah Bobcats.

The Gamecocks' offense began to recover from the loss of quarterback Scott Hughes last week and rolled up over 350 yards and three touchdowns in a 35-21 loss to Houston Academy. The defense gave up yards in chunks; however, and has now allowed an average of over 23 points per game.

Beulah has rolled to a 5-0 record with wins over Montgomery Academy 20-6, Loachapoka 27-8, Excel 20-12, Verbena 35-20 and Lyman Ward 66-14, and has one of the state's top offenses, averaging over 37 points per game.

New Brockton needs a win badly, but the Bobcats will be at home and will be a heavy favorite.

KINSTON AT STRAUGHN

The (1-4) Kinston Bulldogs celebrated their first win of the season last week and will be hoping to make it two straight this week when they travel to Straughn to clash with the high-powered (4-1) Straughn Tigers.

Kinston's offense continued to

run through, around, and over opposing defenses last week in its wild 40-34 win over G.W. Long, and despite its less than impressive record, the Bulldogs have scored an average of almost 22 points per game. The Kinston defense did just enough last week, and is still taking its lumps as it is allowing over 36 points per game.

Straughn took a giant step toward claiming the Class 2A, Area 3 crown last week with an impressive 28-7 win over previously unbeaten Florida, and the Tigers have now claimed wins over Louisville 28-0, Wicksburg 21-20, New Brockton 29-6 and Florida, while losing only to SA, Andalusia 21-20.

Kinston will be fired up after its first win of the season and will have nothing to lose against the heavily-favored Tigers.

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BRANTLEY VS. CLAYTON
The Bulldogs got back most of their injured players last week and almost pulled off an upset before falling to 3A Luverne 18-12. Brantley needs a week in which it can open up its offense and find out exactly what it wants to use in the weeks to come. This one might not even resemble a good scrimmage game.

BRANTLEY 60 CLAYTON 0

OTHER PICKS:		Keith 35	Francis Marion 7
Akron 20	Sunshine 8	Ashford 17	Rehobeth 14
Goshen 27	Arlon 6	Sardis 27	Litchfield 12
Autaugaville 14	Etna 8	Headland 14	Slocumb 12
Billingly 27	Verbena 0	Abbeville 20	Cineva 7
Excel 20	Blacksher 12	Beaufort 21	Loachapoka 8
Calera 26	Isabella 8	Pike County 32	Bullcock County 0
Carrollton 22	Sweet Water 0	Alexandria 34	Cherokee County 0
Collinsville 28	Cedar Bluff 7	Dale County 21	Andalusia 12
Couland 56	Parrish 6	Opp 17	Daleville 14
A.L. Johnson 26	John Essex 0	Daleville 27	Handley 14
Fossilville 47	Sou. Normal 0	B.C. Rain 31	Alba 0
Clay County 21	Bibb Graves 0	Blount 16	Carver 10
Florida 34	G.W. Long 18	John Carroll 21	Pleasant Grove 3
McKenzie 22	Jay 21	Stanhope Elmore 10	Prattville 8
Dallas County 15	Maplesville 14	Greenville 31	Hillcrest 13
Alabama Christian 28	St. Jude 8	Wetumpka 33	Charles Henderson 8
Cottonwood 20	Houston County 14	Auburn 24	Russell County 8
Trinity 17	Geneva County 14	Volley 21	Eufaula 20
Georgiana 56	Red Level 0	Central, PC 28	Carroll 0
Luverne 16	Highland Home 13	R.E. Lee 17	Central, Tuscaloosa 15
Montgomery Ac. 14	Catholic 7	Jeff Davis 21	Dothan 7
Gordo 50	Northside 0	Opelika 10	Enterprise 7
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Spoils Rebel homecoming party

Kinston outscores Long 40-34

By Phillip Miles, Sports Writer

The Kinston Bulldogs helped celebrate G.W. Long's homecoming Friday night by winning their first game of the season 40-34, in Skipperville.

The outcome was in doubt until only 20-seconds remained in the game, when Long fumbled after completing a twenty-yard pass, and Kinston's Chancy Lashley recovered for the Bulldogs, giving the 'Dogs and their fans a happy trip back to Coffee County.

STATISTICS

K	L
1st Downs	22
42-398	Rushes-Yds.
40	Passing Yds.
438	Total Offense
3-13-0	Turnovers
147	Return Yds.
10-78	Penalties-Yds.
5-28	Punts-Ave.
	3-30

Long received the opening kickoff and set the tone for the wild-offensive fireworks on the very first play of the game as Shannon Truitt tipped off a 60-yard gain. Two plays later Long quarterback Chad Rhodes sneaked over from a yard out, and Drew Miller added the extra-point as G.W. Long grabbed a 7-0 lead with 9:33 left in the first quarter.

Kinston began its first offensive series at its own 25-yardline and also got off to a fast start as Jason Wambles broke loose and scampered 16 yards on the Bulldogs' first play from scrimmage. Three plays later Wambles gained 46 yards on a quarterback keeper, and on the next play, Adam Hawthorne scored 13 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 8:02 left in the opening stanza Kinston had pulled within 7-6.

Long began its second possession at the Rebel 35-yardline and again headed toward the Kinston goal line, this time scoring on the seventh play of the drive on a two-yard run by Truitt. Miller added the extra-point, and with 5:12 left in the quarter G.W. Long had moved on top 14-6.

Chancy Lashley returned the ensuing kickoff 19 yards to the Kinston 34-yardline, and this time it took the Bulldogs only three plays to get back in the endzone, with the score coming on a 85-yard counter-attack by Jason Wambles. Wam-

bles also ran in the two-point conversion and with 3:59 still left in the wild first quarter the two teams were knotted at 14-14.

The non-stop scoring apparently tired out the offenses on their next possessions as neither team could mount a serious scoring threat, but the Bulldogs got a break on a fumble recovery by Kinston's Chancy Lashley, and midway through the second quarter put the ball in play at midfield.

A 25-yard pass from Jason Wambles to Ryan Reid moved the Bulldogs to the Long 24-yardline, and three plays later Adam Hawthorne again broke loose and this time ramblined 29 yards for the touchdown. The extra-point try failed, however, with 4:16 left in the half the Bulldogs had their first lead at 20-14.

Kinston had a chance to add to its lead late in the half and marched to the Rebel five-yardline, but stalled, and came away empty-handed when a 22-yard field-goal attempt by Chancy Lashley sailed wide right.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and promptly marched 76 yards on only three plays to extend its lead to 28-14.

The score came on a 70-yard dash by Chancy Lashley, while Jason Wambles passed to Ronnie Sanson for the two-point conversion, and with 10:30 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were ahead 28-14.

Long's Bobby Gadden returned the ensuing kickoff to the Rebel 43-yardline, and six plays later the Rebels were back in the endzone, and back in the game.

The touchdown came on a 28-yard run by Clay Killingsworth, and although a two-point pass fell incomplete, G.W. Long was within 28-10 with 9:00 still left in the quarter.

With 2:52 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were back in business, but with 1:04 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs were in front 34-20.

A 26-yard gain by Adam Hawthorne was a key play in the drive, while the touchdown came when Chancy Lashley scored from five yards out. The extra-point try again failed, but with 1:04 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs were in front 34-20.

G.W. Long was down, but not about to quit, and stayed alive by taking the ensuing kickoff and driving 66 yards for a touchdown.



Kinston's Casey Grace (25) fights for yardage in the Bulldogs' 40-34 win over G.W. Long. The win was the first of the season for the Bulldogs and spoiled G.W. Long's homecoming.

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26-14. Samson's defense has allowed only six points per game this season, while the offense has scored at a clip of almost 30 points per outting.

It will take a determined effort by Zion Chapel to pull off an upset, because you can bet the Tigers will be determined to remain undefeated.

CLAYTON AT BRANTLEY

The (3-2) Brantley Bulldogs will get a breather this week during their rugged schedule as they host the (0-5) Clayton Tigers.

Brantley lost its second game of the season last week in an 18-12 setback to Luverne, but all the news

was not bad, as All-State running back Morro Jones returned from a two-week absence with 118 yards in total offense.

Clayton has been one of the state's worst teams this season and will be winless when they come to town after suffering losses to G.W. Long 41-0, Bullock County 36-0, Dale County 64-8, Zion Chapel 58-6 and Louisville 26-6. The Tigers have been outscored by a total of 225-20 this season, and have no bright spots to point to.

Brantley needs a week to get some rest before it gets back into the meat of its schedule, and Clayton should be just what the Doctor ordered.

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A Kinston Bulldog runner lowers his head after a big gain in Friday night's 40-34 win over G.W. Long. The win was the first of the season for the Bulldogs, who will travel to Straughn this week to battle the Straughn Tigers.

out a fight, as the Rebels quickly headed downfield when Chad Rhodes hit Adam Pritchett with a 22-yard pass. Pritchett fought to gain extra yardage, but fumbled the ball, and Chancy Lashley recovered the loose ball at the Kinston 48-yardline, to give Kinston the wild 40-34 win.

G.W. Long's Shannon Truitt led all rushers with 212 yards on 30 carries, while Clay Hollingsworth added 121 yards on 14 carries.

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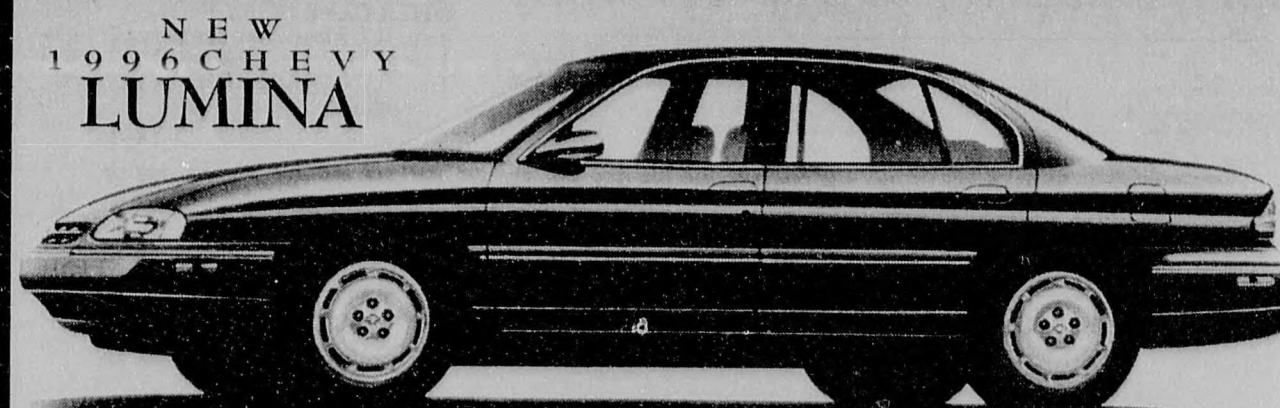
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Front Legroom (in.)	42.4	42.4	42.6	43.4
Rear Headroom (in.)	37.4	37.5	36.2	37.1
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Elba rebounds from Hurricane Opal

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council heard positive reports on clean-up and repair progress following the devastation caused by Hurricane Opal last Wednesday night.

Mayor Ricky Haywood said that thanks to devotion to duty and full cooperation of city department heads and virtually all employees, Elba is rebounding swiftly from the hurricane.

Haywood singled out each department head individually and all city employees and volunteers collectively for their unselfish actions.

Elba received assistance from the 17th National Guard MP unit from Tuskegee and from a North Alabama professional tree trimming firm and two electric co-ops from Mississippi.

The entire town was without electric power after the hurricane hit Wednesday night. Electric utility superintendent Jeff Puckett reported they had restored 95% of the electric service and predicted Monday evening that every service should be working by Tuesday at six p.m.

Puckett told council members that the priority he set following the hurricane was first getting the hospital back on electric power; next was the water wells and sewer lift stations, followed by large, main trunk lines.

He further explained that other users who happened to be near one of these primary targets also benefited with early restoration of electric service.

Street Superintendent Billy Meeks reported to the council that

all the city streets have been reopened, but without additional help they would be months hauling away all the hurricane debris. He observed that crews picking up the tree limbs would be working a street and looking behind them, where they had just been, the debris they had just hauled away wasn't even missed because so much more was being piled beside the roads.

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Haywood said he would be contacting the Alabama National Guard for help on this problem. They did a mountain of work in Elba following the 1990 flood.

Police Chief Bruce Peacock reported the police are back to working regular shifts, with no overtime.

Another problem being tackled by the city is unlicensed contractors charging excessive prices for home repairs and tree removal.

The mayor explained that the police are checking contractors closely. This is to ensure they have proof of insurance and an address where they can be contacted if a resident has a complaint which needs to be resolved.

Haywood cautioned against giving

money to unlicensed (or unknown) contractors before the work is completed. He suggested that if there was any question, a resident should call city hall or the police department.

At least one case of a tree removing contractor overcharging a homeowner and leaving before the police could find him has been reported. The mayor said city hall and the police are working diligently to minimize reoccurrences of this type problem.

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Monthly bills totaling \$16,964.37 were approved for payment. The major items on the list were repairs to a piece of heavy equipment, an air conditioner for the fire station, asphalt purchase and \$1300 for annual renewal of public official bonds.

Fredrick Hamilton of Southeast Alabama Regional Development addressed the council with some paperwork concerning mostly around one topic - Hurricane Opal.

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EVERYBODY PITCHES IN DURING CLEAN UP...even Miss Elba Indya Lawless. She was caught unaware by the photographer as she struggled with a limb that was larger than her. This was typical as everyone worked to clean up the fallen debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Opal.

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Public speaks out on courthouse issue

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

A public hearing was held Monday evening on the courthouse issue presently before the Coffee County Commission.

Just over 100 county citizens, including representatives from the media, met at the Farm Center in New Brockton to hear comments concerning the matter.

Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel, in his opening remarks, commented that at the present time Coffee County does not have the funds available to construct a new courthouse in Enterprise or anywhere else.

He also noted that the county is just over \$230,000 short of having borrowed its debt limit.

In bringing the group up through the events that led to Monday's hearing, Creel stated that in July 1994, a federal lawsuit was filed stating that the courthouse in Enterprise was not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

As a result of that suit, a consent decree was signed by the commission agreeing to submit a plan to renovate the present structure to meet ADA or to build a new facility. The decree calls for a preliminary plan to be submitted by January 15, 1996, and a final plan by July 15, 1996.

During Monday night's hearing, 24 individuals addressed the group stating their views on the issue. Of those who spoke, 12 favored constructing a new courthouse in Enterprise, 3 expressed their desire to continue the dual courthouse system, 6 encouraged the consolidation of both courthouses into one central facility, 1 approved renovation of the present Enterprise Courthouse, and 1 pointed out the need for better facilities for the county's courts and judges.

Roy Schoffner, a former newspaper publisher, pointed out the requirements that had to be met before one courthouse could be constructed.

He stated that the first requirement called for a petition bearing the signatures of 50 percent plus 1 of the qualified voters in Coffee County to even get the matter considered.

Schoffner commented that he did not see this happening during his lifetime. He noted that he had seen this tried before.

G. A. Lindsey, an attorney from Elba, pointed out that the ADA does not and cannot force the county to either build a new facility or renovate the present courthouse in Enterprise.

"A federal judge cannot make a county do something it cannot afford to do," he said.

Lindsey, who attended a seminar conducted by the U. S. Justice Department on ADA, told the group that the purpose of the Act was to insure that services were made available to those who are disabled. He stated that the building itself has nothing to do with those services.

Lindsey also commented that he didn't see any other attorneys from Coffee County at that seminar. "Had they been there, they might have learned something," he said.

At the conclusion of the hearing, which lasted just over an hour and a half, Creel thanked the group for their input.

Police officers investigate tragic accident that took the life of two people

The accident is being investigated by the New Brockton Police Department, assisted by the 12th Judicial Circuit, District Attorney's Office and the Alabama Department of Forensic Science.

Assisting at the scene were deputies from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

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Earlier, the couple's car had hit the fallen tree and had become stranded. They had called a wrecker to remove their vehicle.

The removal of their car from the tree was in progress when the accident occurred.

The wrecker operator, James Brown of Coffee Auto Repair, and another unidentified pedestrian, narrowly missed being struck by the oncoming car.

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by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

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The couple was identified as Claude Lee, 72, and Betty Jean Lee, 57, of Route One, New Brockton.

The early morning accident occurred last Thursday, just west of the Propane Gas Company facility.

A late model Oldsmobile driven by Brick Miller, 54, reportedly of Enterprise, AL, ran through a tree that had fallen across the roadway, striking the two individuals.

The tree, downed by winds from Hurricane Opal, had the two east bound lanes of the three-lane road blocked.

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HAPPENINGS

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. This Friday night the Elba Tigers are hosts to the Kinston Bulldogs; New Brockton's Gamecocks travel to McKenzie; the Brantley Bulldogs will play Slocomb in Slocomb; and the Zion Chapel Rebels are at home against Wickburg. Please check with the respective schools concerning kick-off times.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING. The highly acclaimed Walker Brothers Circus, sponsored by the Elba Rescue Squad, will be in Elba Sunday afternoon, October 15, 1995. There will be two performances at Miller Memorial Stadium, one at 2:00 p.m. and another at 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$6.00 for adults and are available at Elba Pawn & Gun or from any rescue squad member. All children (12 years old & younger) are admitted free with a free child's ticket provided they are accompanied by an adult ticket holder. Tickets at the gate will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For more information, call 897-5412.

FARM-CITY WEEK EVENT RESCHEDULED. The Coffee County Farm-City Week Agriculture Exhibit (Petting Zoo) due to the weather, has been re-scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17 and 18, 1995.

Any person who had uninsured losses or damages from Hurricane Opal within declared disaster counties may be eligible for state and/or federal disaster assistance.

To apply, call the toll-free disaster application telephone line 7 days a week between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. CDT: 1-800-462-9029